

# Room Nine Tidbits

## Action Points:

- This newsletter is sent via e-mail list serve (1st one sent this week). If you would like to be added to or taken off the e-mail list-serve, please let me know!
- Students are welcome to bring a water bottle for their desk at school. In the past, the reusable water bottles with straws have worked well and minimized spills.
- Our classroom temperature varies greatly. Students may wish to bring a sweater to school.

September 1, 2015

## Weekly Objectives

First Grade Families,

Last week, we learned many routines and procedures for First Grade! We are now transitioning to Phonics and Number Sense to make sure all students have a solid foundation. Our Weekly Objectives are as follows:

- Reading/Language Arts—Fiction vs. Non-Fiction

Letter Sounds m, s, t, and short a

Nouns—Students will generate lists of people, places and things as well as identify the noun in a sentence.

- Science—Safety and Scientists—Students will learn about safety equipment and procedures.

- Math—

Every Day Math introduction—

This is a spiraling curriculum so several skills will be introduced. We will explain fully at Open House!

- Social Studies—Rules, Routines and Calendars. We will continue to review rules, routines and procedures. We will also learn how a calendar works as a timeline and discuss the past, present and future.

Looking forward to a great week!

Sincerely,  
Ms.  
Brown



## Enrichment

We visit Enrichment classes at the following times:

- Art - every Friday 1:10-1:55 PM
- Library—every Friday 9:15-9:45 AM
- Computer Lab—every other Monday 1:10-1:55 PM and additionally as needed throughout the year for Research or special projects
- PE—Students attend PE during their Magnet block one day a week (day varies by Language).

1st Grade Recess has been changed to 10:00-10:30 AM. This change was made to work with Coach Parker's PE schedule and also to break up our extremely long morning block. :)

## Student Work

A sample of student work is sent home weekly in Tuesday folders. Please note that many writing samples are kept at school to be added to our 1st Grade Writer's Portfolio, which will be sent home at the end of the year. Additionally, much of our class work is done in Word Work notebooks and Math Journals which are kept in students' desks. These activities are more hands on and do not have a "worksheet" that is able to be sent home.

## CAFE and Daily 5

Kolter Elementary has adopted the CAFE and Daily 5 systems school wide in order to provide a common Reading language to all students in grades K-5. We will begin introducing CAFE and Daily 5 procedures in our classroom this week.

CAFE is a Reading Strategy acronym that stands for Comprehension, Accuracy, Fluency and Expanding Vocabulary. This is the framework through which reading strategies will be introduced in the classroom.

The Daily 5 are independent literacy tasks that students will complete while I am working with students in small groups and conferring with students one-on-one. The 5 activities are Read to Self, Read to Someone, Listen to Reading/Computer, Word Work and Writing.

We will begin this week by Checking for Understanding when reading and practicing Reading to Self. This system will be explained in more detail at Open House!

## Dates to Remember:

Spirit Night at Escalante's	8/31
Open House—	9/2
Labor Day—NO SCHOOL	9/7
PTO Meeting—	9/8
Passport Global and Magnet Open	9/17
Early Dismissal at 12:30 PM	9/22
Fall Holiday—NO SCHOOL	9/23